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# DRAFTING OF A DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANS OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

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1997/... Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its decision 1984/116 of 16 March 1984, by which it established an open-ended working group to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions, in particular resolution 1996/81 of 23 April 1996, in which it authorized further meetings of the working group,

Recalling further that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended speedy completing and adoption of the draft declaration,

Conscious of the importance of taking into account the opinions of all interested States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations before finalizing the draft declaration,

Conscious also of the importance of the adoption of the draft declaration in the context of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

1. Takes note of the report of the working group (E/CN.4/1997/92);

2. Urges the working group, without prejudice to the importance of working towards consensus, to complete its task promptly and submit the draft declaration to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session;

3. Decides to continue its work with a view to adopting the draft declaration at its fifty-fourth session;

4. Also decides to make available an appropriate meeting time for the working group prior to and during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission;

5. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption;

"The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1997/... of ... 1997,

1. Authorizes the open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of eight working days prior to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission in order to finalize its elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities, within existing United Nations resources, to the working group for its meetings."

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